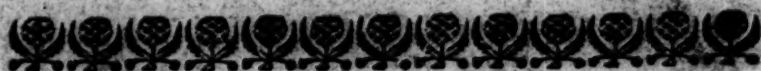


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OF
ALBINIA,
TO

Their SOVEREIGN, upon his concluding a *Treaty of Peace* with his FOES.

Dedicated to ROBIN BRASS, alias
BRACE, HUNTSMAN.

The Time we hope is now come, when Ministers shall no more cover their Crimes, by sheltering themselves under the Name of their Sovereign: When Truth and Integrity shall be inseparable from Great Offices, and when, to the Terror of the Offenders, Justice shall take Place.

Edinburgh Address to King George I.

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TO THE
READER.

ACCORDING to the usual Custom of those that write Dedications, I confess to have stolen mine; but since I could not make so good a one my-self, and since the Application of it is so just, I hope you will approve of my doing it; for I would not have presum'd to desire the great Honour of addressing this Representation to so great a Man as I have, had I not attempted (as being the Author, and one of the Loyal Subjects) to
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make some Improvement in an illustrious Profession, and endeavour to distinguish Truth from Error. A Glorious Cause, which is sure to find the Patronage and Protection of a most discerning Person.

MY following Dedication is but short: It is taken out of a Preface, written by no less a Hand than Mr. Dryden's, and placed before the Tragedy of Mark Anthony.





To
Robin Brasse alias Brace,
Huntsman.

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SHOULD you own your-
self publickly, and come
from behind the *Lyon's Skin,*
they, whom you condemn,
would be thankful to you;
and they, whom you praise,
would chuse to be condem-
ned: And the Magistrates,
whom

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whom you would elect, will,
if they have any Modesty,
withdraw from their Employ-
ment, to avoid the Scandal of
your Nomination; as I with-
draw from the usual Stile of
Dedications, to avoid the
Scandal of saying

S I R,

Your humble Servant.



A
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LOYAL SUBJECTS
OF
ALBIONIA.

Most Gracious Sovereign,



W H E N we reflect on your consummate Prudence, and the generous Concern you have express'd for the Common Cause, on your Readiness in suing for the Liberty and Property of your Subjects, and your Conduct in the procuring the present Peace:

When we examine the Difficulties you have met with, from those at *Home*, who

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desire nothing so much, as an Alteration of our *Constitution* and *Ministry*; and from those *Abroad*, who have nothing so much at Heart as their own Interest. We cannot but joyn unanimously to thank your Majesty, though all the Acknowledgments we can make, are too little, and shall endeavour to obey your Majesty in every Thing you shall command, though all the Obedience we can pay, can never be too much.

WE must, we are oblig'd to put a Confidence in your Majesty, who has done so great Things for us: And as no Nation under Heaven was ever bless'd with a more wise and a more pious Sovereign; so we shall do our utmost, that no Sovereign in the World shall boast of a more dutiful and a more grateful People.

IF there be any among us, any abandoned Remnant of your *Seditious Subjects*, any who dare assert, or so much as entertain a Thought to your Majesty's Disadvantage; they are the worst of Men, Villains of the deepest Dye, and the most extravagant

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travagant Injustice, whom neither *Honour* or *Conscience* can prevail upon; whom the most unheard of Goodness and Condescension can never mollify, or the most fearful Punishment reclaim.

Is it not enough, that they have brought us upon the very brink of Ruin, that they have *bought* and *sold* Us at their Pleasure, and *robb'd* and *plundered* Us without Controul? Is it not enough, that they have done all this? But do they still endeavour to disparage this new *Peace*, which must certainly tend to the Benefit and Advantage of the publick Trade of your Majesty's Subjects: Do they still cabal and rave and *protest* against such a *Peace*, so advantageous to your Majesty's Subjects, and, that will in Futurity redound to your Majesty's Posterity? Do they labour still, as much to destroy, as your Majesty to preserve Us? This is what nothing can account for, but such a Compound of Madness and Folly, of Malice and Indiscretion, as never any Faction, but themselves, were guilty of.

THE Affronts and Indignities they are every Day offering to your Majesty; the Arts and Stratagems, by which they are endeavouring to misrepresent, traduce and blacken your Sacred Person, and your Intentions; and the *Lies* and *Calumnies*, the *Contradictions* and *Falsities*, by which they would *asperse*, and *vilify*, and *defeat* your Majesty's MINISTRY and their *Proceedings*. The Uneasiness they have already given you, and the Fears and Jealousies they are always raising among your People, are *Crimes*, indeed so notorious in themselves, and of such a desperate Nature, that none, but the Prince, who has pass'd over their former Villanies with so much Meekness and Clemency, would have endured with so much Patience.

To govern with Wisdom and Vigilance, to keep Engagements with their *Allies*, to be constant to their Resolutions for the Publick Service, and faithful to their Promises, are the Character of those Princes, who have been the Ornament of the Age they lived

lived in, and the nursing Fathers of their People, as to *detect* the *Guilty*, to *redress* the *Injured*, to *deliver Nations* from *Wars* and *Blood-shed*, from *Ravages* and *Oppression*, are the undoubted Evidences of an *able*, as well as *faithful* MINISTRY; and in all these, your Majesty and *Ministers* exceed the utmost of our Wishes and Expectations: And if these are Crimes, as undoubtedly they are in their Opinion, you and your *Ministry* deserve to be insulted, and have given sufficient Reason for the Noise and Clamour of a desperate, ridiculous Faction.

HAPPY it would be, if Measures could be contrived, as to put an effectual Stop to Reflection on the *Government*, and all the Sedition that is daily publish'd; but this, may it please your Majesty, can never be, while they have Hands to write, or Tongues to speak, or Ears to hear. As every Hand that is engag'd in such a Controversy, may properly be said to be lifted up in Rebellion; so every Tongue amongst them is a living Libel against your Majesty, and every

every Mouth a Mint of *Scandal* upon your *Ministers*.

TIMES and Manners must be unquestionably at the lowest Ebb, and in the wildest Disorder and Confusion, if we have those in the *S—te*, who will vote in the Defence of *Robbery*, as if it was one of their first *Principles*; and a *VILLAIN* of *Figure* shall be caressed by them, as a Man of *Probity* and *Virtue*. If there are *those* among them who will swallow the most direct *Absurdities* as they can digest a *BRIBE*, condemn the *Innocent* or free the *Guilty*, out of Favour or Dislike: If the lowest *Com—ners* shall presume to teach your Majesty, and point out the Measures you should take; and *Pr—tes* employ their Time no better than in Cant and Whining, in raising Suspensions and Distrust, and in libelling the *Government*.

HOWEVER, may it please your Majesty, like a Paradox it may seem, we beg leave to represent to your Majesty, as the general Opinion of your *Loyal Subjects*, that

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we have had G——rs in our establish'd Church who have endeavour'd its Subversion, and those who have been thought our greatest *Patriots* have been, in reality, our greatest *Enemies*.

THIS has been the Aim, and these the Designs of these People, nay of your very Servants, who have been, and are your greatest *Favourites*, and on whom your Majesty has bestowed the greatest Honours; who were rais'd by yourself and *Family* from the lowest *Birth* of *Fortune* to the highest Pitch of *Wealth* and *Grandeur*; and had they known what *Use* to have made of your Esteem and Favour, might have been the Instruments of the greatest Good, and a lasting Happiness to yourself and Kingdoms: But this is at present so far from their Thoughts, to such an Height of Impiety and Ingratitude are they arriv'd! that all the *Interest* your Majesty has given them, all the *Riches* they enjoy, and all the *Power* they can command, are employ'd against your self; your Peace is to be obstructed, and your Nation ruined, by those,

those, who, if all the sacred Ties of Honour, or the Obligations of Conscience were ever binding; if all the Royal Favours you have bestowed, or the mighty Blessings they have received are ever to be acknowledg'd, have all the Reason in the World to sacrifice themselves, their Lives and Fortunes for the Sake of such a Prince, who, out of a Goodness, peculiar only to himself, has so faithfully protected, so generously advanced, and at this Time (*when they so much deserve it*) so unwilling to chastise them.

WHEN our *Allies* have been deficient in their Quota; when they have been guilty of the most notorious Breach of Faith, of Promise, or Alliance; when they have imposed on us in our Payments and Subsidies, and in all our Contracts and Engagements; to be told 'tis a Breach of Faith to discover theirs; that we ought to use them as if they had performed every Agreement they have broke; that your Majesty is the Aggressor, for resolving to let them know your Sentiments, and those
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about you tracherous, for detecting the Impostor. Is such a Way of confounding *Right* and *Wrong*, all the Notions that Religion or common Honesty have instilled in Us, and proceeds from such a Mixture of Principles and Practices, without any manner of Reason and Foundation; and such a sort of Men, or rather *Monsters*, the Abettors of them, without any Sense of their Duty or Allegiance, that no Age of Christianity can produce the like, and a Heathen Government would blush to own.

WHAT shall we call these People? Or, how shall we be able to express their Guilt? *Villains*, *Traitors*, *Rebels*, or *Incendiaries*, or all at once, are too little for them: Our Language, or any other is unable to describe the Heinousness of their Designs, who would neglect our Trade, and impoverish our Landed-Interest, enslave our Government, and introduce a Medly of *Religions*, and basely submit to the arbitrary Will of a *Foreign Commonwealth*, rather than enjoy all the Liberty a Subject can desire or expect, under your

Majesty's auspicious Reign, and the Administration of the best of Princes.

By the new *Treaty of Peace*, that you have condescended to be concluded, you have enlarg'd the Limits of your Subjects *Trade*, and answer'd it in all our Hopes and Expectations; and yet, may it please your Majesty, there are those who tells us, they could have gained more; who boast in squandering away the *Publick Money*, to no Purpose, who glory in their Shame, and triumph in the Ruin of their Country; but they stand convicted by their own Mouths, and self-condemned by their own infamous Proceedings.

What Tortures can be sufficient? What Punishment too severe for such Persons? Shall not Vengeance fall upon their Heads? How can they answer it to themselves, to the present, or to future Ages, to utter any Expressions against your Majesty's Actions, which you are induced to, by the *Councelling* of your wise and able Ministers.

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If any People deserve the Justice of Ax or Gibbet, those People certainly do.

YOUR Majesty has, as yet, passed over their Misdemeanors with Impunity; and the Legislature have thought sufficient barely to expose them; but the Nation, your Majesty's faithful Subjects, all the Provinces of *Albinia* wait impatiently for your avenging Sword, which you can never bear in vain. If your Majesty displeases them, if you act a little contrary to the Schemes, if you are disobedient to your Subjects, as is the Style of their vile Language, you deserve to be punish'd for your *Mismanagement*; and if your Majesty's Ministers have counselled you for any Thing that is not for the Benefit of your People, why they deserve to be called to an Account for their Ill-conduct. This is the best Usage your Majesty and your Ministers must expect for your Compassion and Clemency; the best you can expect from those, who would put a greater Restraint upon your Majesty and your Ministers, than upon any of your

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Subjects; from those who hold that the same Crimes ought to be connived at in a private Person, as deserve not the least Mercy in the Person of a Prince, or his *Prime Minister*.

BUT these, may it please your Majesty, are far from our Sentiments. We acknowledge, in the highest Manner possible, the Favours and Protection you have been graciously pleased to grant Us; and we think we cannot better acquit ourselves of the Respect we owe you, and the Character we would be thought to glory in, of *Good and Loyal Subjects*, than by paying all the Deference we ought to pay to any of the *Royal Blood*, to that Branch especially, who, according to our Laws, are appointed to succeed in these Kingdoms: But we are tied by Inclination to your Service, by the Allegiance we have sworn, and by the Laws of God and Man, to maintain and support your *Title*, and take up Arms in your Defence; and do solemnly declare to all the World, that while your Majesty is alive, and upon the Throne, no ~~Heir~~
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~~By Law, no~~ Successor, has any Thing to do with us. The Faction that would bring them in any otherwise than upon your Majesty's Demise, are guilty of the Breach of Law, and of the highest Treason and Rebellion; as any one who would ascend the Throne before his Time, deserves as much the Name of a Pretender, as he who endeavours it without a Title.

WE think ourselves obliged to tell your Majesty that we are full well satisfy'd with this new *Treaty of Peace*, and farther to tell your Majesty, that those *People*, who would *force* or *frighten* you into their *Measures*, who would claim the Superiority of adjusting and managing your Affairs, and exercise an *Arbitrary Power* over those they have no Authority to command, or those People who would oppose your Majesty, or countenance your Opposers, can never be said to act for our Interest.

WE know no other Obedience than what we owe your Majesty, and we shall pay the same Obedience to your Successors,

sors, when invested with the same Authority, which we hope none but our Posterity shall live to see: It is our Glory as well as Happiness, to live under the Reign of such a Monarch, whose Inclinations are agreeable to his People's Wishes; and we cannot but flatter ourselves, that the Behaviour of your seditious Subjects, will at present give us a better Opportunity of shewing our Loyalty to your Majesty, and our Abhorrence of their Designs.

OTHER Princes, out of a false Notion of Honour, and a Design to be recorded to Posterity, for the Reputation of their Arms and Courage, may have commenced War, only to have the Glory of being Conquerors, for the enlarging their Dominions, and encroaching on their Neighbours Rights, may have unpeopled Countries, and thrown away their Subjects Lives at Random, to feed the Hopes of their Avarice, or the Lust of their Ambition: But your Majesty is of another Principle; the Security of our Trade, the Liberties of our Allies, and the checking a prevailing Power that

that might, in all probability, have given them some Disturbance; the settling a Balance between Princes and Potentates, and restoring them to the quiet Possession of their Rights and Privileges, according to the Rules of Equity and Justice, were the only Ends your Majesty proposed by being so tedious in executing this Grand Work of *Peace*; the Tranquillity and Repose of all the World, and the Safety and Happiness of all your People were your chiefest Aim, and the Slavery of your Neighbours was as far from your Intentions, as *Tyranny* at home, or the *Persecution* of your *Subjects*.

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